

## **Steven Atwood – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745**

Steven Atwood (aka Wood) married Abigail Dunham in Plymouth in 1644 when Abigail was about seventeen. Steven was sworn in as Eastham Deputy in 1652 and as Surveyor in 1654. Eastham birth records show the birth of only one child who was son Medad born in 1655. Eastham death records indicate Steven died in Eastham in 1694. Probably he is buried in an unmarked grave in Eastham Cove Burying Ground. Land grants to his heirs continued until 1715.

### 1654

Granted to Steven Atwood meadow at the Point of Pines at Boat Meadow below the meadow called the Acres. PDF P8.

### 1659

Granted to Steven Atwood one acre of meadow at Billingsgate next to meadow of John Yates. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A114, M202, S20.

Steven Atwood exchanged with Giles Hopkins one acre of Atwood's meadow on the eastern side of Rock Harbor for three-quarters of an acre of Hopkins' meadow at Billingsgate next to the beach and next to land of Richard Higgins and next to land of John Doane. PDF A154, A174, M218

Granted to Steven Atwood four acres of upland for a house lot next to property of John Smalley. Bounds were indicated by fences and a great rock. PDF A189, M96, S8.

Granted to Steven Atwood twenty acres at Pochet. Ten acres were at Seal Point on the south side of Thomas Cove next to Tonset. The other ten acres were at the head of Thomas Cove next to land belonging to Thomas Prince. PDF A189, M96, S8.

Granted to Steven Atwood three acres of meadow at Boat Meadow running down towards the mouth of the harbor. PDF A189, M97, S8.

Granted to Steven Atwood one acre of meadow at Boat Meadow running next to the creek towards Smith's Point. Bounds were indicated with marked trees. PDF A189, M96, S8.

1665

Steven Atwood purchased from Richard Higgins for twenty pounds a dwelling house and four and one-half acres near the house lot of John Smally and near the Creek and the Bay. Richard Higgins retained a parcel of land with apple trees for his own use. Steven Atwood would receive one-third the profit from the apple trees provided he spread dung around those trees. PDF A188, M95, S43.

1666

One half acre of meadow at Billingsgate Meadow was sold by Steven Atwood to Ralph Smith. The meadow was next to meadow of George Crisp. PDF A156.

1668

Steven Atwood purchased from Joseph Harding a small parcel of meadow at Boat Meadow. This meadow which was next to meadow of Joseph Harding was reported as fenced. PDF A195, S34.

1674

This is a reference to Steven Atwood owning meadow near the harbor's mouth (Rock Harbor) and near a meadow reserved for townsmen for harboring their boats and vessels. PDF A199.

Granted to Steven Atwood fifty acres near Half Way Pond by the way going to Billingsgate. Also the Town granted Atwood an additional twenty acres adjoining the fifty acres in exchange for Atwood's twenty acres at Nauset. The Town also gave Atwood thirty pounds to remove his old house from the property at Nauset with the help of Townsmen. The Townsmen were ordered to each provide a day of work to help Atwood move his house. The thirty pounds was to be paid ten pounds in cattle, twenty-five shillings in money and the rest in provisions. PDF P32.

1675

Granted to Steven Atwood twenty-four acres of upland at the westerly end of Half Way Pond. In addition forty-six acres were granted to Atwood on the easterly side of the pond in exchange for other lands owned by Atwood. These other lands were not specified. PDF A234, M287.

Steven Atwood delivered to the Town a deed for the house and land he sold to the Town in 1674. Also he delivered to the Town a deed for the house and land he purchased from Richard Higgins in 1665. PDF P33.

1678

Granted to Steven Atwood a parcel of meadow at Boat Meadow where he formerly had permission to mow this meadow. The meadow was next to meadow previously granted to Atwood. PDF A188, M96.

Steven Atwood and Benjamin Higgins settled a boundary dispute about their adjoining properties at Boat Meadow. A bush and a pine tree marked the agreed boundary. PDF A199, M112, S36, S44.

1681

Granted to Steven Atwood one acre at Nauset Hills for seven years provided he did not plant the acre with Indian corn. PDF P43.

1686

Steven Atwood sold to Richard Bills(?) for five shillings his rights and interest in the thousand acres previously purchased by Samuel Smith from John Sipson, Indian. PDF A151.

1700

Granted to Steven Atwood and his heirs five acres of upland at Little Billingsgate on the southerly side of Bound Brook Island. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF A249, M249, S71.

1703

Granted to Steven Atwood and his heirs seven acres of upland at Bound Brook Island. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF A122, M172, P109, S95.

1711

Granted to Steven Atwood and David Doane twelve acres of land at Nauset Hills. The parcel was next to other land owned by David Doane. Bounds were indicated by stones in the ground. PDF T67.

Granted to Steven Atwood, Thomas Doane, Samuel Higgins, James Snow and Steven Snow in joint and equal partnership a lot on the southwesterly side of Great Island at Billingsgate. The pole dimensions indicate the lot was about five acres. PDF T88.

1715

Granted to Steven Atwood and his heirs two parcels of land adjoining his other land by his dwelling house. One parcel was on the east and northeast sides of his house. The other parcel was on the west side of the way that ran by his house. The two parcels totaled about twenty acres. Bounds of each parcel were indicated by stones and marked trees. PDF T233, T238.

Granted to Steven Atwood a wood lot on the east side of the way that ran to Billingsgate. The lot was one in a series of similar wood lots. It ran north sixteen pole (264 feet) and based on the configuration of adjoining lots it probably ran 320 pole (one mile) to the Backside Sea (Atlantic Ocean). The wood lot was about thirty-two acres.

The Eastham land owned by Steven Atwood described in these records amounts to about 250 acres. By 1745 twenty more Atwoods received Eastham land grants.